



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koji SUZUKI

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Group Art Unit: 2823

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For: METHOD FOR MONITORING DEPOSITION REACTION DURING PROCESSING  
THE SURFACE OF A SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

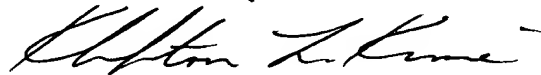
In reply to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the April 7, 2004  
Notice of Allowability, the following comments are respectfully submitted.

The Reasons for Allowance specifically addresses particular features recited in  
allowed independent claims 1, 9 and 10 that are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the  
prior art. However, the Reasons for Allowance incorrectly states that "[c]laims 2-8 and 11-22  
are allowable as being dependent of the allowed independent base claim."

Only claims 2-4, 11 and 12 depend from the independent claims specifically  
addressed by the Reasons for Allowance. Claims 5, 6 (7, 8), 13, 14, 15 (16, 17), 18 (19, 20),  
21 and (22) are independent claims. Claims 7-8 depend from claim 6, claims 16-17 depend  
from claim 15, claims 19-20 depend from claim 18 and claim 22 depends from claim 20.  
Thus, claims 5-8 and 13-22 are not addressed by the Reasons for Allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 5-8 and 13-22 are patentable separately and independently from claims 1, 9 and 10. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the April 7, 2004 Notice of Allowability does not apply to these claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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